



TALIHINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TALIHINA PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Title I, Part A, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), ensures that local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools provide parents and families of Title I students with the information they need to make well-informed choices for their children including more effectively sharing responsibility for their child's success, and helping their children's schools develop effective and successful programs.

ESSA Section 1116, Parent and Family Engagement, contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for local education agencies (LEA), and schools related to engaging parents and families in their children's education. All LEAs that receive Title I funds shall conduct outreach to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

Talihina Public School intends to follow the requirements in accordance with ESSA requirements as listed below. Talihina School will distribute this policy to parents of students participating in the Title I program.

Policy Guidelines

- Involve parents in jointly developing our district's local plan under section 1112 and in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116;
- Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement;

- Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies under Title I, Part A with parental involvement strategies under other programs, such as Head Start, Reading First, Gifted and Talented, Parents as Teachers and Title III language instructional programs;
- Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools served with Title I, Part A funds, including—

Identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities, with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background;

Using the findings of the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement; Revising, if necessary, the LEA's parental involvement policies; and

- Involve parents in the activities of schools served under Title I, Part A.
[Section 1118(a)(2), ESEA.]

School-Parent Compact

As a component of the school-level parent and family engagement policy, each school served under this part shall jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards (ESSA Section 1116 [d]).

Expectations for Parent Involvement

Talihina School intends that parents of participating students be provided with frequent and convenient opportunities for full and ongoing participation in the Title I program. This shall include opportunities to jointly develop the Title I program plan and suggest modifications in the process for school review and improvement.

The Title I program must be designed to assist students to acquire the competencies and achieve the goals established by law, as well as the goals and standards established by the Talihina School Board. These goals and standards must be shared with parents in a manner that will enable them to (1) participate in decisions concerning their child's education and (2) monitor and improve the educational achievement of their child.

School Policy

The Talihina Title I school parent involvement policy will meet all legal requirements. This policy will be developed jointly with and distributed by the school to parents of participating students. The policy will be updated annually. A copy of the school's parent involvement policy shall be kept on file with the school's Title I program plan in the Central Office.